GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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HOUSING PROGRAMME FOR JARAWA TRIBES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a housing programme is being taken up by the Government for the Scheduled Tribes particularly Jarawa (PTG Trib

(e) in Jarawa tribal reserve after the tsunami;

(b) if so, the details of tribal families provided with houses, till date;

(c) whether special laws and court orders imposed on Jarawa tribal reserve area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH)

(a) &(b): As reported by the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration, no housing programme has been taken up for the Jarawas, Shompens and Sentinelese as they are hunting and gathering nomadic tribes and do not have permanent villages.

(c) &(d): The Jarawa area has been declared as reserve are a under Andaman and Nicobar Islands(Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956. In 2004, in compliance with the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta, a Jarawa Policy was prepared by the Government of India with the objective of protecting the Jarawas from the harmful effects of exposure and contact with the outside world while they are not physically, socially, and culturally prepared for such interface, to preserve their social organization and cultural identity, to conserve the ecology of the Jarawa Reserve Territory, etc. This policy is currently in operation.